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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Personnel Ceilings.

1. At the Deputies' Meeting on 17 August 1955 Mr. Amory raised the question of "personnel ceilings." He indicated that inasmuch as some thirty-one positions on his T/O were concerned with photographic intelligence work almost exclusively for the benefit of [redacted] he thought they should be charged to [redacted] and that at the same time he should be allowed equivalent relief in his ceiling.

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2. I pointed out that many components had personnel supporting [redacted] project and that I disagreed with his position. (I had also told him this on the evening of 16 August.)

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3. Mr. Dulles stood firm in his previous position and told Mr. Amory that this was not a situation about which he was happy but one with which we were all going to have to live. Mr. Amory then said that he had a very few people on loan to other Government agencies, i.e., [redacted] special project, [redacted] etc., and that if they were gone for long periods of time he did not feel that he should have to absorb them in his "on-duty" strength. I indicated, and Mr. Dulles agreed, that I could handle situations of this kind on an ad hoc basis. Mr. Amory also pointed out that if we were to take over the functions of the Department of State with regard to Publications Procurement Officers, Scientific Attaches, etc., he assumed that these positions would have to come out of his ceiling. Mr. Dulles confirmed that his impression was correct. Mr. Amory commented that he had told Mr. [redacted] not to be surprised if because of these ceilings he was asked to close the least productive office in the Contact Division. Mr. Dulles said that this might also be necessary.

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4. Mr. Dulles then stated that henceforth we were going to have to take a tougher position with other Government agencies; that too often we might be picking up the tab when some other Government agen-

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cies, if they really made a fight for it, could get the money. This brought about a brief general discussion of the whole philosophy. General Cabell pointed out that he had rather felt that it was appropriate for us to pick up the tab for these intelligence activities and that Mr. Dulles' statement was not entirely consistent with the philosophy and actual practice which we had been following. Mr. Dulles indicated that he thought perhaps a radical change in this philosophy was in order. I stated that I was aware of the fact that it had been our tendency to pick up the tab for these activities but that I had never agreed with it and did not agree with it now. I said that I did not contest the theory of the philosophy but that in actual practice Congress did not give the Agency credit and was inclined merely to look at the over-all budget figures without taking into consideration small, or even sometimes major, items which had been added to our functions. Mr. Wisner indicated that this was pretty much the situation as he understood it.

5. In a further brief discussion of what activities from other agencies we might have paid for, I cited Mr. Amory's agreement to assume responsibility for certain chapters of the NIS for which the Surgeon General's Office had heretofore assumed responsibility. I pointed out that this was insignificant insofar as the Department of Defense was concerned but that it took positions, space, and money for CIA to take it on. The whole tenor of this discussion left no doubt in my mind but that the Director expects to pursue, and expects others to pursue, a much more careful policy in the future than we have had in the past.

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